

A full-page illustration of Captain Marvel in his classic red suit with a yellow lightning bolt on the chest, running towards the left. He is wearing a large white cape with a yellow border and four yellow flower-like decorations. The background is a solid dark color.

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**64 Pages of New
CAPTAIN MARVEL
Adventures**



BECAUSE BILLY BATSON, THE BOY RADIO REPORTER, IS A SMART, BRAVE YOUNG FELLOW, AN AGED SORCERER CHOSE HIM TO CARRY ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THE WORLD'S EVILS. HE GAVE HIM THE MAGIC WORD, "SHAZAM," WHICH TRANSFORMS YOUNG BILLY INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MAN, CAPTAIN MARVEL.

THE STRANGE POWER CREATES MANY DANGERS FOR YOUNG BILLY AND ONLY A VERY COURAGEOUS LAD COULD CARRY ON — FOR THERE ARE COUNTLESS TERRIBLE ENEMIES WHOSE GREATEST JOY WOULD BE TO PUT AN END TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!

Capt. MARVEL

HELLO FOLKS. THIS IS BILLY BATSON ON THE AIR AGAIN WITH THE LATEST NEWS.



ONE WHO KNOWS PART OF THE MIGHTY MARVEL SECRET IS SIVANA, MAD MASTER OF SCIENCE AND CRIME, WHOSE CRUEL AMBITIONS ARE CONSTANTLY THWARTED.

MY SCIENCE WOULD RULE THE WORLD EXCEPT FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL.



DON'T WORRY, BOSS—NO HUMAN ENEMY CAN LICK YOU.

AH, BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL IS MORE THAN HUMAN—AND HE MUST BE GIVEN A RIVAL WHO IS ALSO MORE THAN HUMAN.



MEANWHILE, THE HEAD OF AMALGAMATED BROADCASTING GIVES HIS ACE REPORTER AN ASSIGNMENT.

NOTHING'S BEEN HEARD OF SIVANA FOR SOME TIME, BILLY. GO OUT AND DIG SOMETHING UP.

I WISH THAT SIVANA WERE WHERE THERE'D BE NO POINT IN DIGGING HIM UP—SIX FEET UNDERGROUND!



PROWLING THROUGH THE TOUGHEST DISTRICTS, BILLY, AT LENGTH, OVERHEARS SOMETHING OF INTEREST.

LAY LOW FOR A WHILE, SPIKE. BOSS SIVANA'S SPRINGING SOMETHING NIFTY TO SMACK OVER THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL LUG.

SO, SIVANA'S BEEN OUT OF THINGS—ONLY TO PLAN A NEW BUNCH OF TRICKS.





AT THAT MOMENT, SNANA INTRODUCES A STRANGE, QUIET MAN TO A DELEGATION OF RACKET AND CRIME BOSSSES...

MEET MY FRIEND AND CAPT. MARVEL'S ENEMY—Z. I CALL HIM Z BECAUSE HE'S THE ULTIMATE IN TOUGHNESS.



LET'S SEE HOW TOUGH HE IS—HANDS UP, FELLA!



THE HENCHMAN OF SNANA WHOM BILLY HAS FOLLOWED, SUDDENLY REALIZES HE IS NOT ALONE.



THUNDER ROLLS! LIGHTNING FLASHES!



-AND WHERE STOOD ONLY A SLENDER LAD APPEARS THE TITANIC FORM OF CAPT. MARVEL.



ERRAND BOYS DO RUN ERRANDS, AND MY ERRAND IS WITH MY OLD FRIEND SIVANA.

JUST AS SIVANA'S HENCHMAN SPEAKS REASSURINGLY...



LET HIM KNOCK, BOSS - IT'S JUST A FRESH KID THAT FOLLOWED ME.

KNOCK!
KNOCK!

A POWERFUL BLOW SHATTERS THE PORTALS AND CAPTAIN MARVEL IS AMONG THE CRIMINALS!



LOOKED DOORS MAKE ME SLIGHTLY SORE, SIVANA. WHAT GOES ON HERE?



MEET MY NEW ASSOCIATE, Z, CAPTAIN MARVEL. I WAS JUST PLANNING TO BRING YOU TWO TOGETHER.



A PLEASURE, CAPTAIN MARVEL!

WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED, Z THROWS A PUNCH - THE HARDEST THAT MARVEL EVER FELT!

RECOVERING, THE MIGHTY NEMESIS OF EVIL THROWS HIS OWN PEERLESS FIST.



HERE'S YOUR PRESENT BACK-WITH INTEREST!

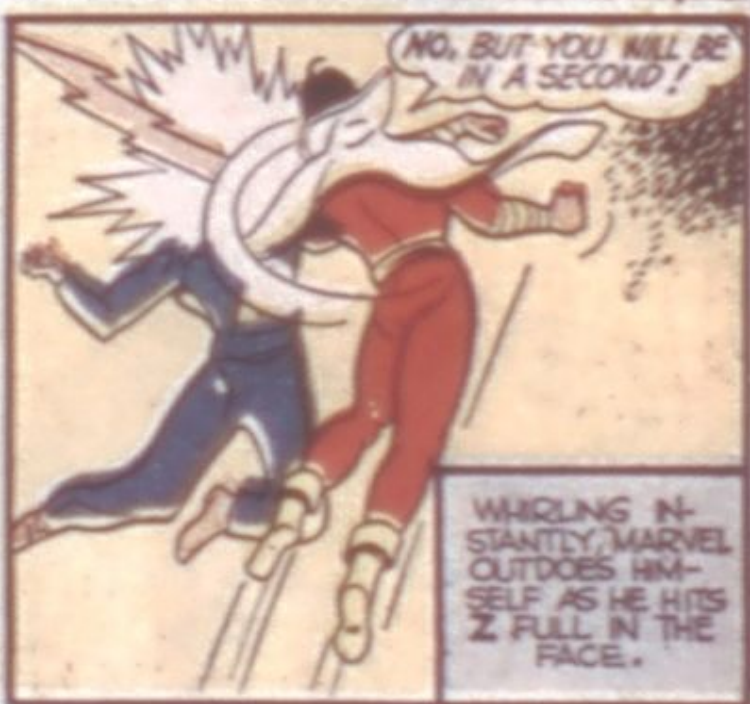


NEXT
MOMENT
THE TWO ARE
STAGING SUCH
A SLUGFEST
AS WAS
NEVER SEEN
ON EARTH—
BLOWS THAT
WOULD CRUSH
ELEPHANTS
ARE SPED
AND
LANDED!



BUT SNANA DOES NOT TRUST EVEN Z TO CONQUER MARVEL. HE CALLS THE THUGS TO ARMS.





THE FLYING BODY OF Z SMASHES THROUGH THE WALL.



THAT SETTLED MISTER Z AT LAST! THE OTHERS ARE ALL THROUGH FOR THE DAY... EXCEPT SIVANA. HE WAS SMART ENOUGH TO RUN AWAY.



LATER, BILLY RESUMES HIS ROLE AS REPORTER AND BROADCASTS PART OF THE TRUTH.

BILLY BATSON AT THE MIKE, FOLKS! FLASH... THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL SIVANA HAD BAD LUCK TODAY. THERE WAS SOME KIND OF A MISUNDERSTANDING AT HIS HIDDEN LABORATORY, AND IT WAS WRECKED... ALSO A NUMBER OF SIVANA'S FRIENDS. IF SIVANA HAD WAITED HE'D HAVE JOINED THE WRECKAGE. MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE STORY...



BUT SIVANA SNEAKS BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE DISTURBANCE...

HEH - HEH - HEH! CAPTAIN MARVEL THINKS THIS IS THE END OF Z... IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING!



IN ANOTHER OF HIS HIDDEN LABORATORIES, SIVANA INJECTS A DRUG INTO Z, REVIVING HIM.

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

IN DREAMLAND! YOU AREN'T QUITE A MATCH FOR THAT BIG LUMP OF MUSCLE. YET - I MUST MAKE YOU STRONGER.



WE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED OUR ENEMY, BUT YOU WERE ALMOST GOOD ENOUGH TO CONQUER HIM. NEXT TIME—

NEXT TIME I WILL NOT FAIL!



VENTURING OUT, THE PARTNERS IN CRIME AND SPITE PLAN AGAIN FOR THE DOWNFALL OF CAPTAIN MARVEL.

WE'LL BAIT A TRAP FOR HIM. DO YOU OBSERVE THAT HALF FINISHED SKY-SCRAPER, Z?

YES, I THINK I KNOW YOUR PLAN, SIVANA.

NEXT MORNING, PEOPLE GOING TO WORK ARE HORRIFIED BY WHAT SEEMS TO BE A FELLOW-MAN IN DANGER.

HELP!
HELP!

LOOK! SOMEBODY UP THERE AND CAN'T GET DOWN.

THE POOR FELLOW CAN'T HOLD-ON MUCH LONGER.

REPORTER BILLY BATSON RUSHES OUT TO SEE THE EXCITEMENT, AND HOPES TO RESCUE THE UNFORTUNATE STRANGER.

HE'LL DROP BEFORE HELP ARRIVES.

I'LL HAVE TO APPEAL TO MY OTHER SELF. SHAZAM!

A GLARE OF LIGHTNING, A ROLL OF THUNDER.



—AND CAPTAIN MARVEL LEAPS HIGH TO THE RESCUE.

COURAGE, BUDDY! I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THAT MESS.

JUST HANG ON A SECOND AND I'LL HOIST YOU UP AGAIN.

LIFTING THE SUPPOSED UNFORTUNATE, MARVEL SEES THE FACE OF HIS ENEMY, Z.



YOU THINK YOU HAVE NO WEAKNESS—BUT IT IS WEAK TO FEEL SORRY FOR STRANGERS. IF YOU HAD NOT COME TO MY RESCUE, YOU WOULD NOT BE ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION NOW!



OFF GUARD, COMPLETELY SURPRISED, MARVEL LOSES HIS FOOTING AND PLUNGES INTO THE ABYSS...A TERRIBLE FALL, EVEN FOR HIM.



BUT RECOVERING HIS PRESENCE OF MIND IN MIDAIR, HE HOOKS A FOOT OVER A GIRDER AND ARRESTS HIS DOWNWARD DROP.

WHAT A WALLOP THAT GUY HAS!



THAT TRICK WON'T HELP YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL!



THE IMPACT OF Z'S BODY JARS CAPTAIN MARVEL FROM HIS MOMENTARY HOLD AND THEY FALL TOGETHER, FIGHTING.



AS THEY SHOOT PAST AN AWNING, CAPT. MARVEL CATCHES HOLD. THE CANVAS RIPS, BUT THE FORCE OF THE FALL IS PARTIALLY BROKEN.



THEY STRIKE THE PAVEMENT WITH A TERRIFIC IMPACT, BOUNCING HIGH....



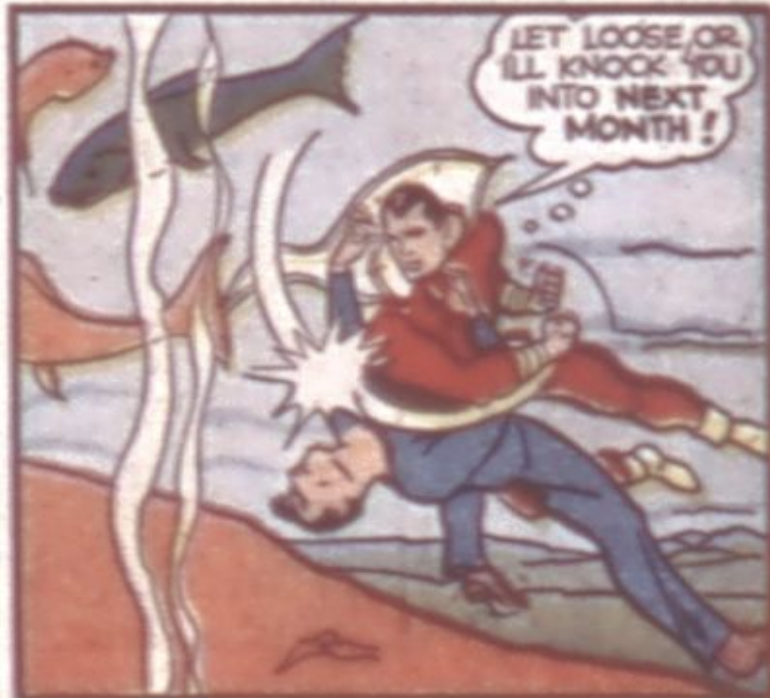
... AND INTO THE NEARBY RIVER.



CAPTAIN MARVEL'S LUNGS FILL WITH WATER. HE MUST WIN FREE OR DROWN.



LET LOOSE OR I'LL KNOCK YOU INTO NEXT MONTH!





CAPTAIN MARVEL WATCHES FOR A FULL HOUR, BUT Z GIVES NO SIGN OF RISING FROM THE DEPTHS.



AS HE UTTERS THE MAGIC WORD AGAIN, A GREAT FLASH OF LIGHTNING...



...AND THE MIGHTY ONE RETURNS TO THE SHAPE AND PERSONALITY OF BILLY BATSON, BROADCASTING AS MUCH OF THE TRUE STORY AS ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE DRAMATIC FLIGHT AND FALL OF THE TWO SKYSCRAPER CLIMBERS, FOLKS. NEITHER OF THE ENEMIES COULD BE FOUND AFTER THEY PLUNGED INTO THE RIVER. BUT BILLY BATSON, YOUR RADIO REPORTER, WILL KEEP AN EYE PEELED FOR ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.



BUT AS BILLY LEAVES THE SPOT, A HORRIBLE LITTLE FIGURE APPEARS AND PLUNGES INTO THE WATER.







THUNDER AND LIGHTENING FILL THE ROOM!

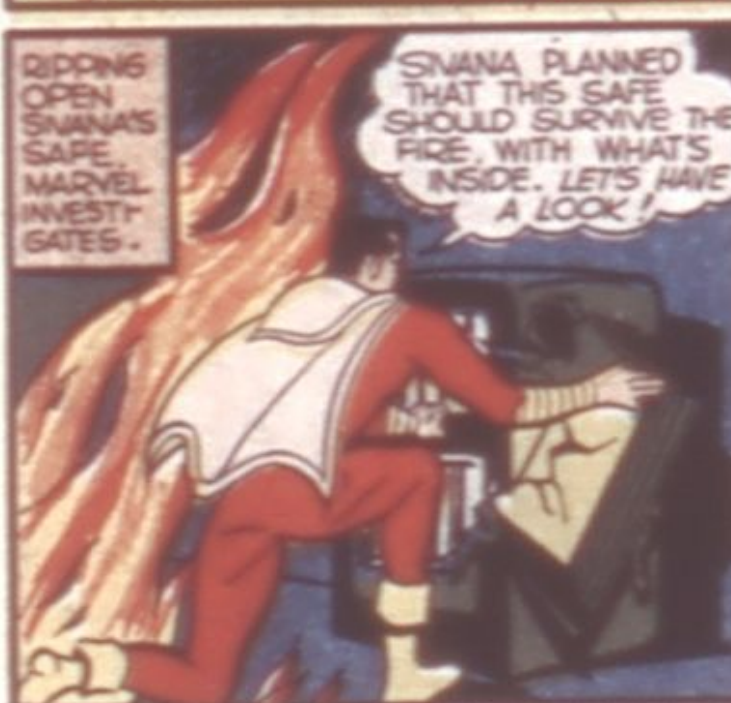


NOW FOR A SHOWNOW!



RIPPING OPEN
SNANA'S
SAFE.
MARVEL
INVESTIGATES.

SNANA PLANNED
THAT THIS SAFE
SHOULD SURVIVE THE
FIRE. WITH WHAT'S
INSIDE. LET'S HAVE
A LOOK!



THESE ARE PLANS
FOR SCIENTIFIC
WEAPONS TO
ATTACK THE WORLD.
POOR SNANA
WILL HAVE TO
DOPE THEM
OUT FROM THE
BEGINNING
AGAIN.



NOW TO TAKE
UP THE TRAIL OF
MY FIRE FLING-
ING FRIENDS.



THERE'S Z
JUST AHEAD.
WAIT, Z — I'VE GOT
A LITTLE ENTERTAIN-
MENT FOR YOU.



Z, FOLLOWING SIVANA, PAUSES TO FIGHT IT OUT ONCE AGAIN!

CAPTAIN MARVEL CHALLENGES ME. THIS IS WHAT I'VE HOPED FOR.



WE'LL MAKE A GOOD FIGHT OF IT, CAPTAIN MARVEL. WHAT A PITY THAT THE WORLD CAN'T SEE AND ENJOY IT.

RIGHT YOU ARE. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO TO A REAL FINISH THIS TIME?



THIS TIME CAPTAIN MARVEL SETS HIMSELF FOR SERIOUS CONFLICT. Z STRIKES SWIFTLY BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL DUCKS.

WE'LL TRIED, Z, BUT TOO SLOW.



ONE—TWO



SLIPPING UNDER Z'S GUARD, MARVEL LANDS SWIFT, DEADLY BLOW!

SWIFT AS A MACHINE GUN, DEVASTATING AS HIGH EXPLOSIVE, MARVEL'S ATTACK SMOTHERS Z.



NOTHING CAN STAND UNDER THAT SUPREME BOMBARDMENT—THE MAGNIFICENT BODY OF Z STAGGERS BACK.

SO YOU CAN'T TAKE IT AFTER ALL!





THE VICTORIOUS CAPTAIN MARVEL QUICKLY CLEARS AWAY THE WRECKAGE, UNTIL....



...HE COMES UPON HIS FALLEN ENEMY.





A SIMPLE GRASP AND SHOVE ... THE MURDEROUS BEAST IS CHEATED OF ITS VICTIM.



NOW, BRONCHO, I'LL MAKE A LADY PONY OUT OF YOU!



MAKE A GOOD FIGHT OF IT, YOU OLD CROWBAIT!

HE CAN'T RIDE THAT OUTLAW!



NOBODY CAN!

HE'LL BE KILLED!

SO HE DOES TRICKS TOO!



WILD WITH RAGE, THE OUTLAW STEED SEEKS TO CRUSH ITS NEW RIDER.



GOOD HORSE! WE'LL GIVE THE FOLKS A REAL SHOW!

RIGHT BACK WHERE HE STARTED.

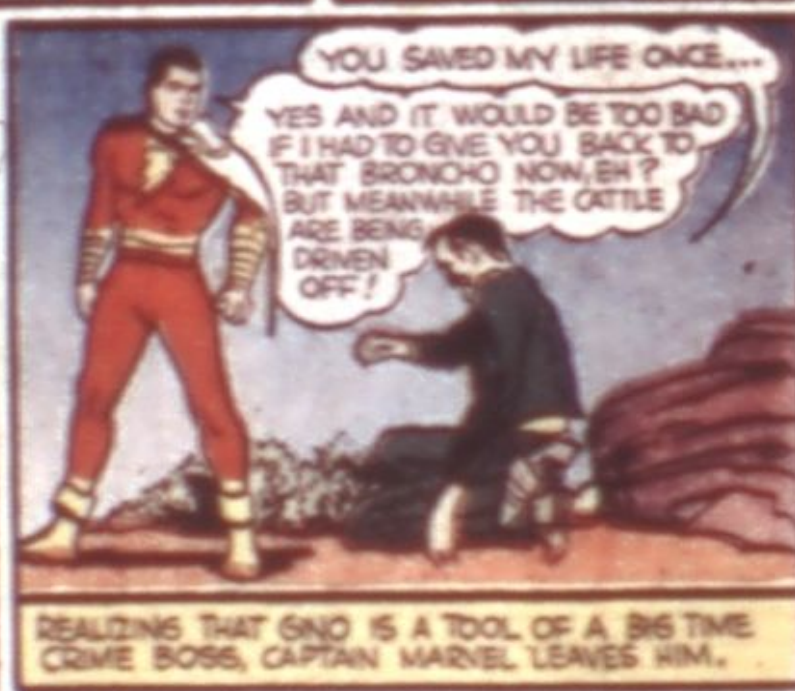






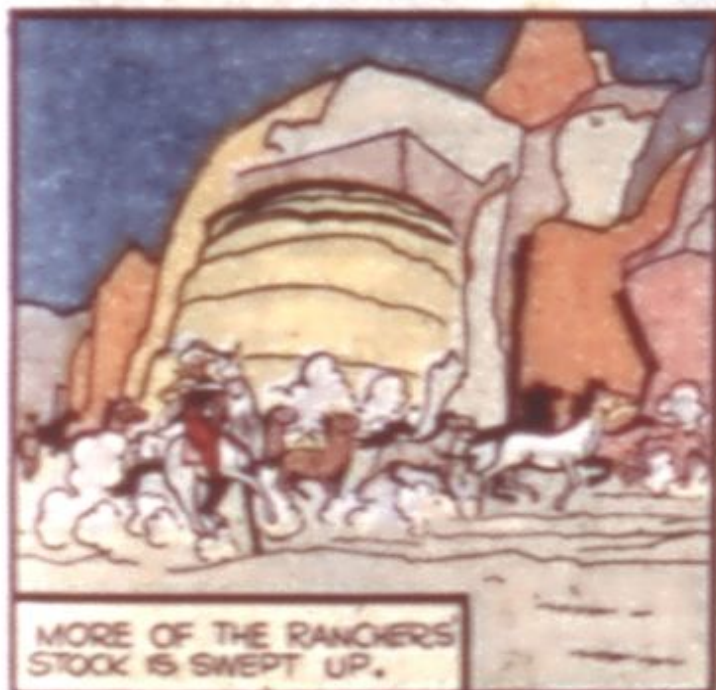


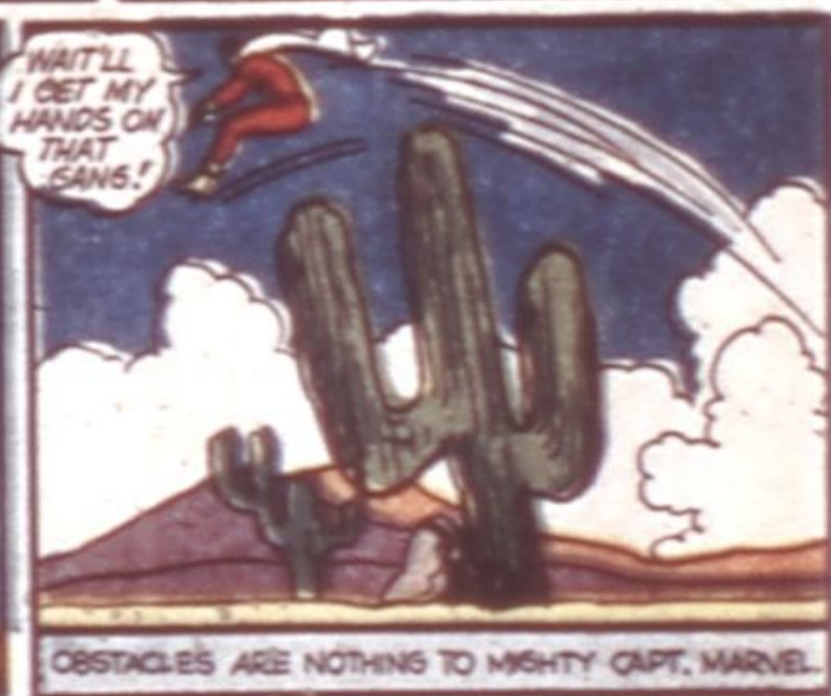


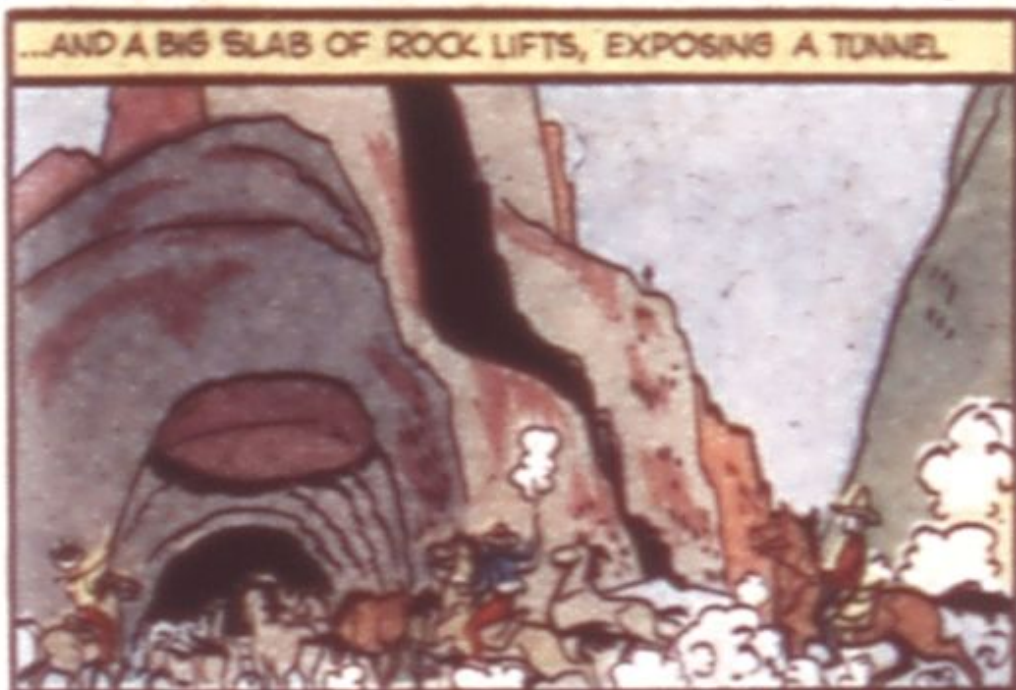






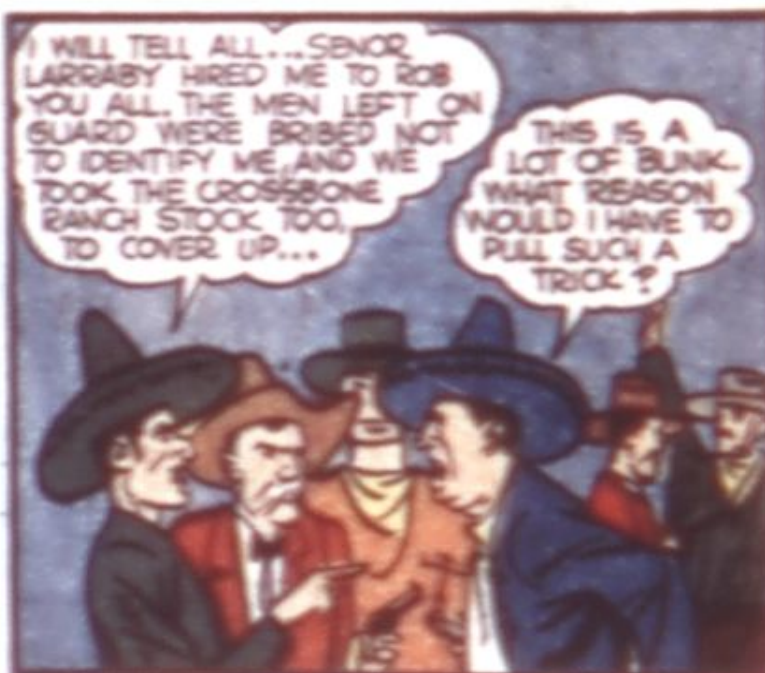


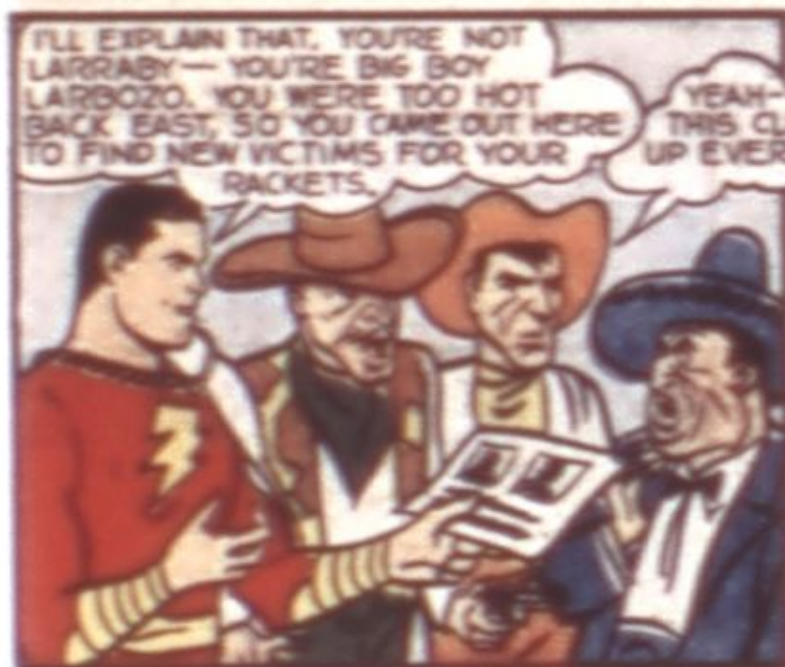














CAPTAIN MARVEL'S PENCIL-PUZZLE-PAGE....

FOLKS, THIS IS A NEW PLANET WHICH I DISCOVERED RECENTLY! IT IS **19** BILLION MILES AWAY FROM THE EARTH! YOU CAN VERIFY THIS BY DRAWING LINES FROM DOT TO NEAREST DOT UNTIL ALL SQUARES ARE COMPLETED. NUMBER EACH LINE THAT YOU DRAW WHICH DOES NOT CLOSE A SQUARE. LINES CLOSING SQUARES ARE FREE. THE SAME SYSTEM APPLIES TO THE ELEPHANT ON THE NEXT PAGE!!



GEE BOYS AND GIRLS,
I MADE 26 WORDS IN 10
MINUTES!



SEE HOW
MANY WORDS OF
3 LETTERS OR
MORE YOU CAN
MAKE OUT OF
THE WORD.

ENGLISH

NO SLANG - NO
PROPER NAMES -
NO PLURALS ARE
ALLOWED. TRY IT
RIGHT NOW!!

CAPT. MARVEL

START A WORD CONTEST - IT'S LOTS OF FUN.



YOU'LL FIND
INDEED - "A
FRIEND IN
NEED" -

IF
YOU TAKE
YOUR PENCIL
AND START
AT NO. 1, THEN
DRAW A LINE
TO NO. 2, AND SO
ON UNTIL YOU
REACH NO. 48 -

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THE SUPER INSTRUMENT OF BILLY BATSON, ACE RADIO REPORTER, ACTS STRANGELY.



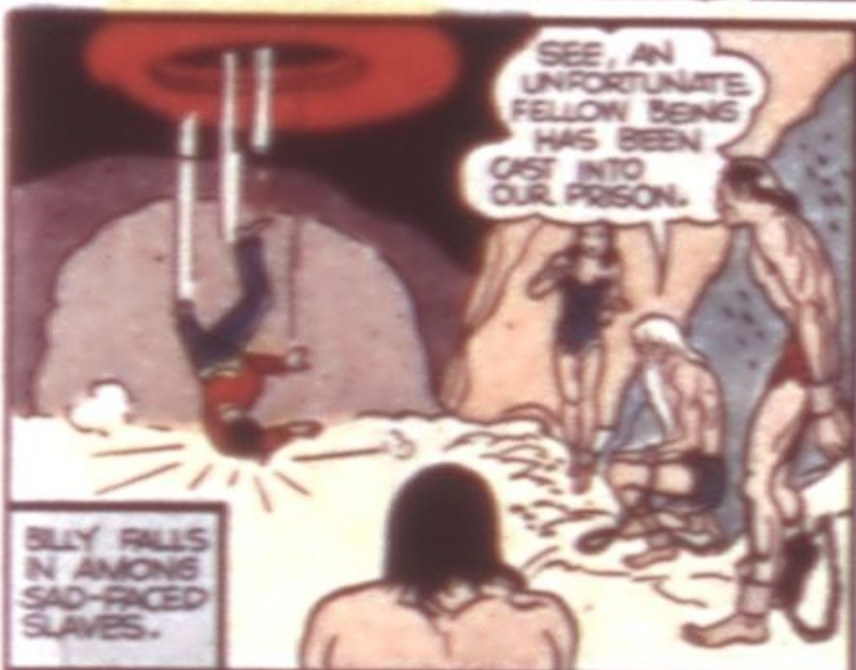


BUT POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS ARE TRAINED ON THE VOYAGER...THE DRAGON MEN WHO RULE SATURN WATCH HIS COMING!

A SPECIAL RAY MAKES THE SHIP TRANSPARENT, REVEALING TO THE GROTESQUE WATCHERS THE FIGURE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL.









BUT AMONG THE SLAVES IS A SLY TRAITOR, SHOPPO, WHO SPEAKS REBELLY WITH THE DRAGON. THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE TWO IS A DANGEROUS ONE.





DOWN BUT NOT OUT,
THE DRAGON OFFICER
PRODUCES A SPECIAL
WEAPON.

HEAT RAYS WON'T
PHASE HIM, BUT A
PARALYSIS
RAY WILL!



OHMM!

IT WORKS!

THE POWERFUL LIGHT
STRIKES CAPTAIN MARVEL
AS MOTIONLESS AS A
STONE IMAGE.



BATTERED
BUT TRIUMPHANT,
THE DRAGON-
MEN
CARRY
THEIR
HELPLESS
CAPTIVE
AWAY!

WE MUST TAKE
THIS WONDROUS
FIGHTER TO
OUR RULER.



THEY APPROACH A STRANGE, RICH
PALACE WHERE THE MONARCH
OF DRAGON-FOLK HOLDS COURT.

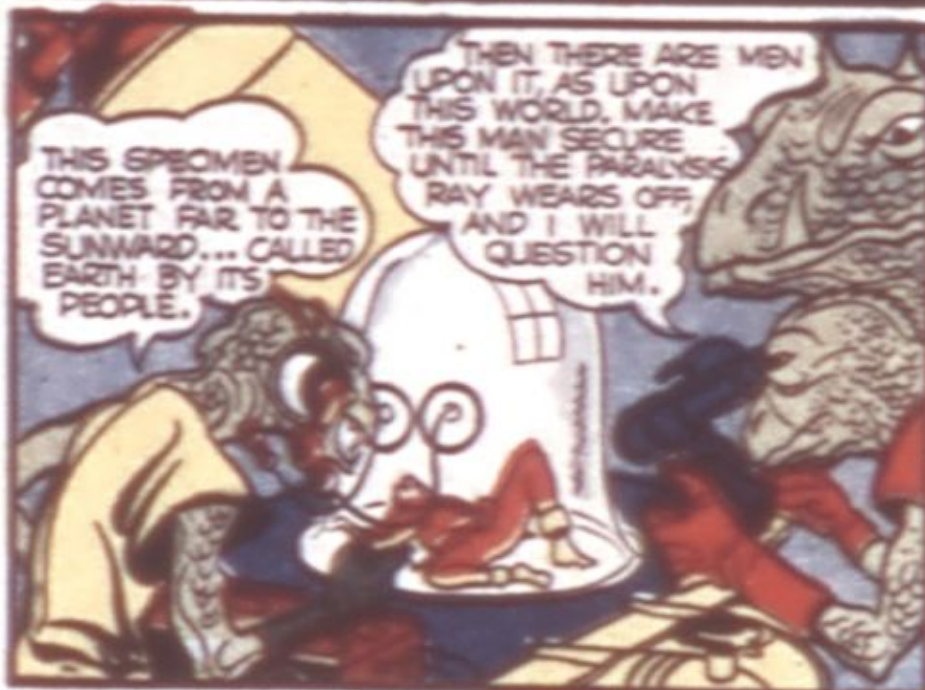
HE SHALL PAY
WITH HIS LIFE
FOR DEFYING
US!

EXECUTIONER,
SPLIT HIM
IN TWO!

THIS IS THE
FIGHTING
STRANGER OF
WHOM YOU HAVE
BEEN HEARING,
MIGHTY
RULER.

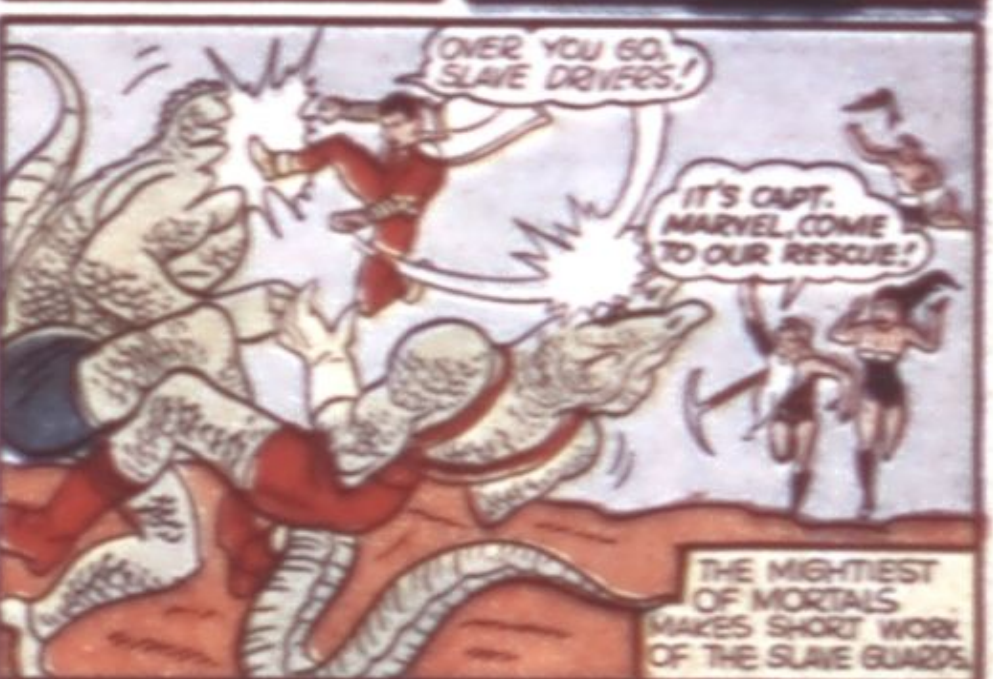


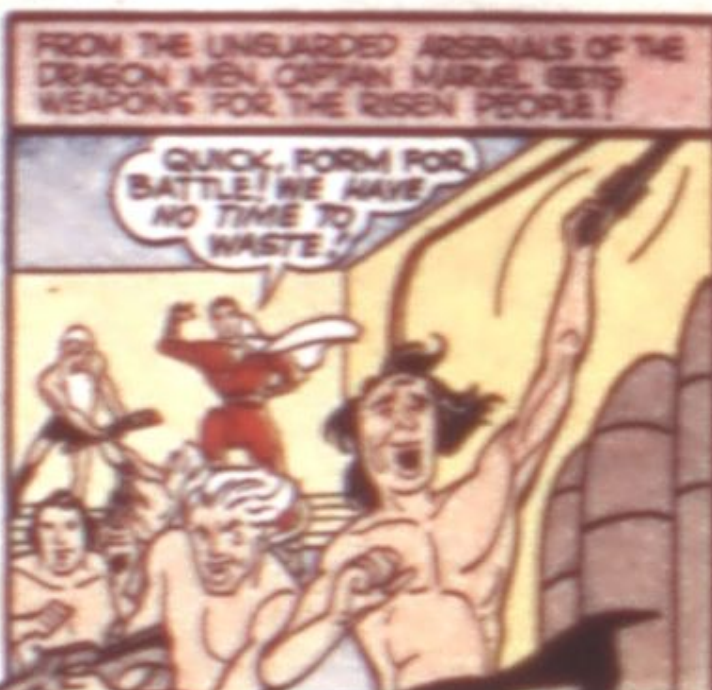
THE PARALYZED CAPTAIN MARVEL
IS DOOMED BY THE RULER.

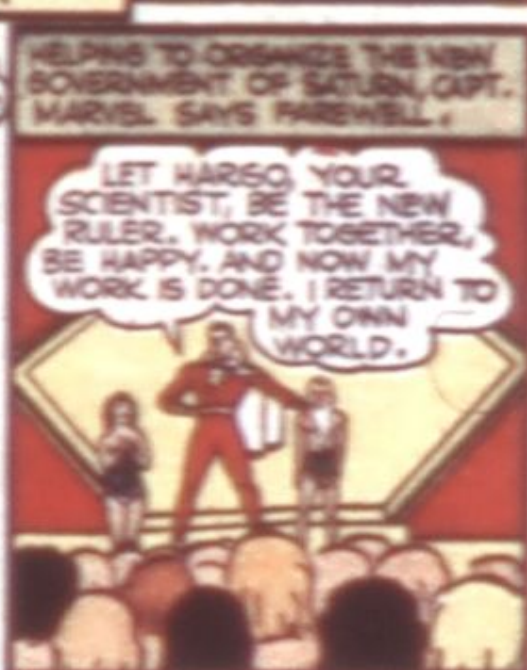












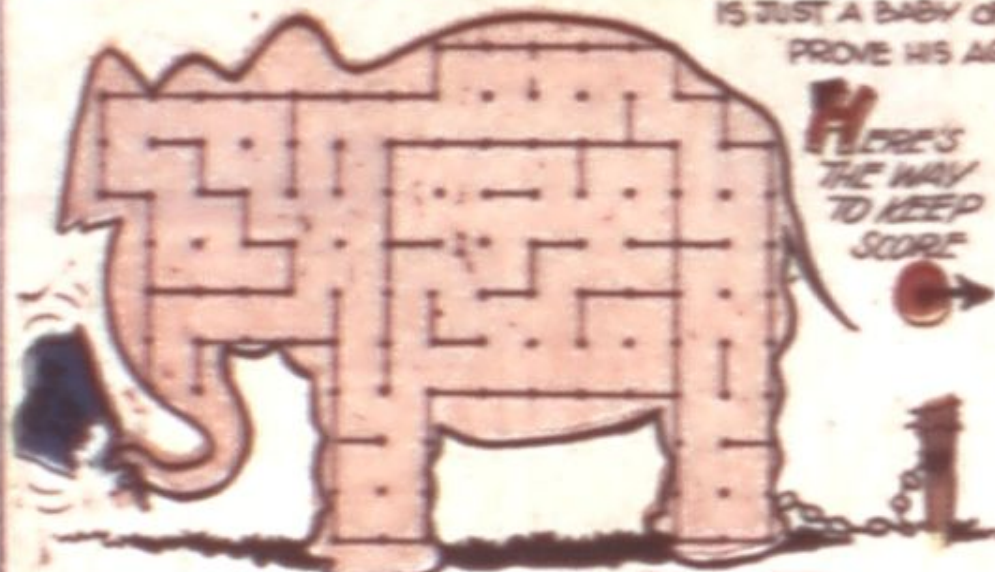
BILLY BATSON'S

PAGE OF GAMES..

"CALLING ALL WHIZZES!!"



EVERYONE KNOWS THAT AN ELEPHANT'S HIDE IS FULL OF SMALL LINES, BUT THIS LITTLE "BULL" IS JUST A BABY OF 19 — SEE IF YOU CAN PROVE HIS AGE.



HEY — SOMEBODY START HERE AND SHOW ME HOW TO GET TO THAT LAKE!



IT'S NOT EXACTLY ROUND!

IT IS SO!

IT IS NOT..

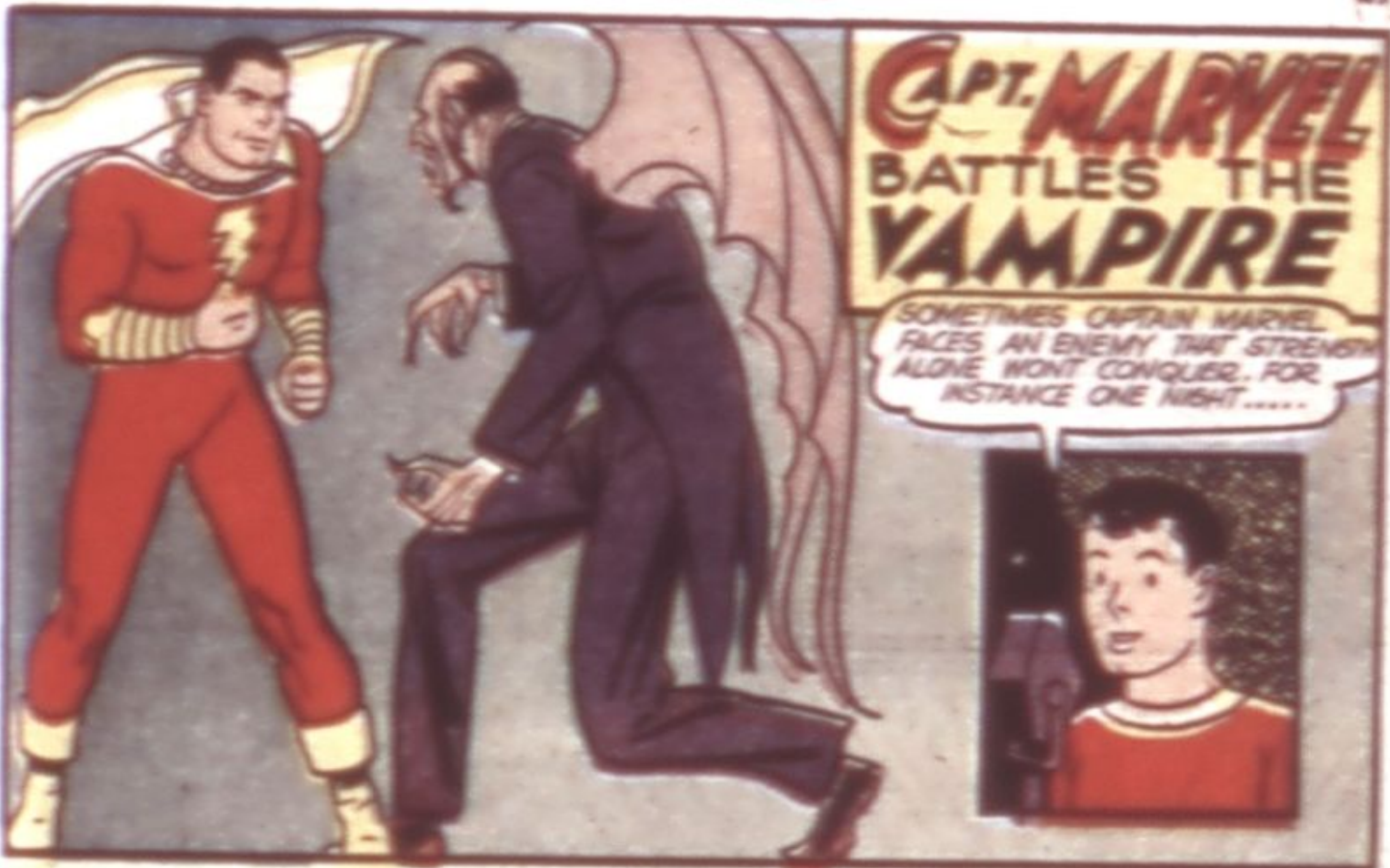


OH, STOP ARGUING AND PROVE IT BY PUTTING A NICKEL ON IT!

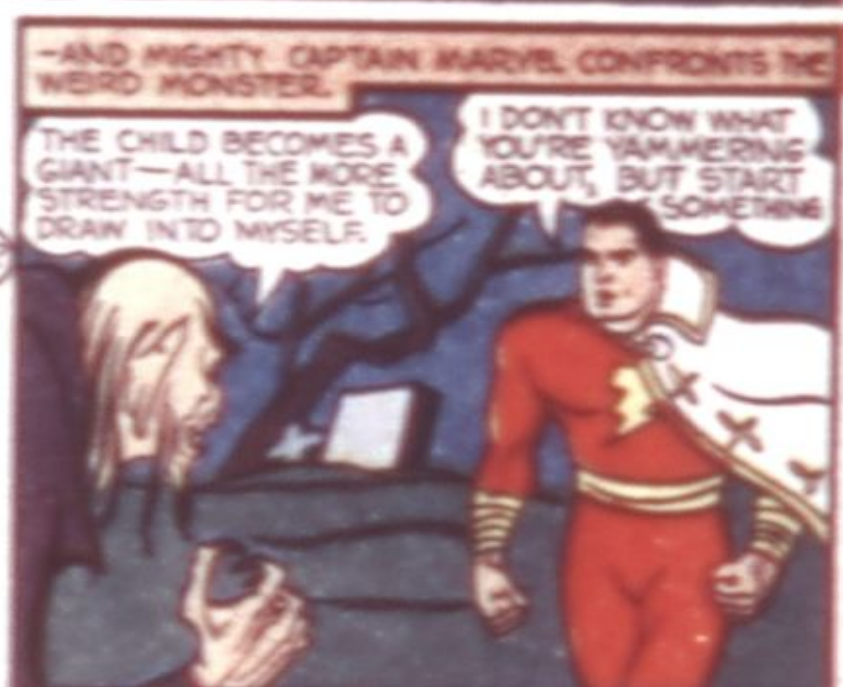
MARK YOUR WAY WITH COLORED CRAYON

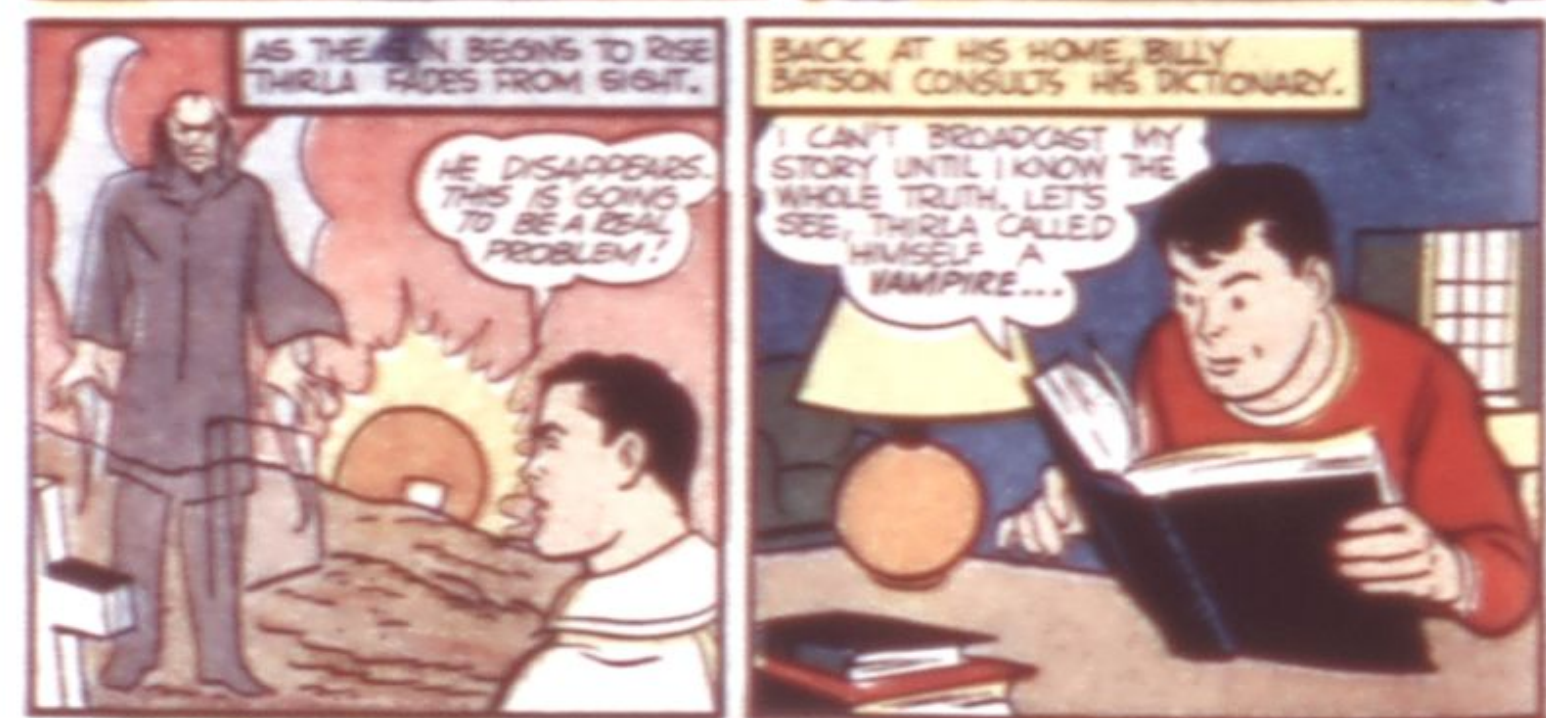
YOU CAN GET A LINE ON THE RIGHT ANSWER RIGHT BELOW!











VAMPIRE: According to ancient legends, a dead body which comes to life, rises from the grave and gains great strength and power by preying upon living men.

A LIVING BODY... THAT SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT BRAM THIRLA'S AN IMPOSSIBLE CREATURE. POOR DOCTOR DEEVERS MIXTURE OF SCIENCE AND MAGIC HAS SET FREE A TERRIBLE DANGER ON THE WORLD!

IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW HORRIBLE FATE OVERTAKES MANY CITIZENS!

USELESS FOR YOU TO RUN OR SCREAM, MY DEAR. YOUR LIFE IS ALREADY MINE!

HELP!

HERE'S THE LATEST NEWS ON THE STRANGE TRAGEDY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, FOLKS... MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE OUT ALONE AT NIGHT HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD OF AN UNKNOWN CAUSE. DOCTORS AND POLICE CAN GIVE NO EXPLANATION... BUT YOUR ANNOUNCER, BILLY BATSON, WILL TRY TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY. KEEP TUNED IN ON ME!

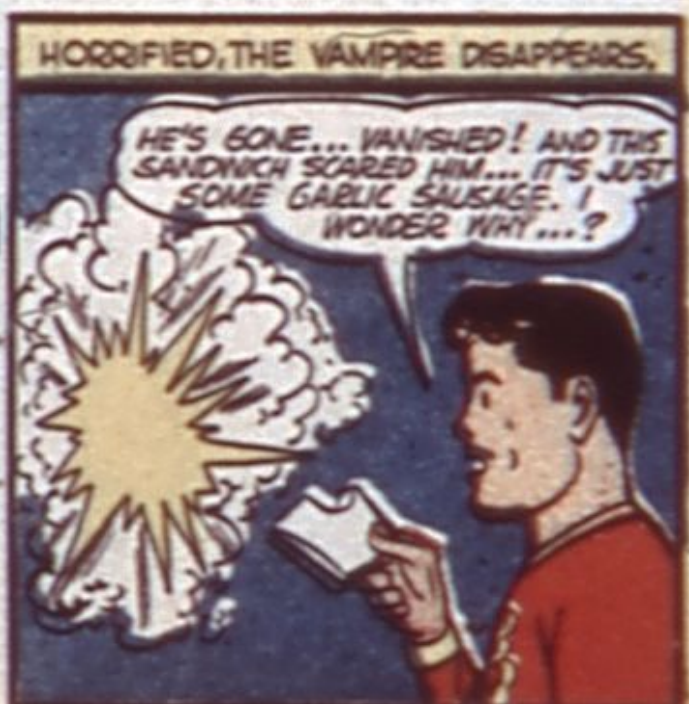
HE GOES TO THE LIBRARY TO PURSUE HIS STUDY.

I WANT A BOOK ON VAMPIRES.

THIS IS THE BEST WORK ON THE SUBJECT.

THE FIRST CHAPTER TELLS BILLY THAT ALL NATIONS HAVE FEARFUL TALES OF THE LIVING DEAD WHO TORMENT AND DESTROY HEALTHY, NORMAL FOLK. THE LIFE AND STRENGTH OF VICTIMS ARE ABSORBED BY THE VAMPIRES, GIVING THEM TERRIBLE POWERS FOR EVIL, AND WHEN THE VICTIMS DIE THEY, TOO, BECOME VAMPIRES. NO ORDINARY WEAPONS WILL DESTROY A VAMPIRE...







HE BROADCASTS THE SECRET TO HIS RADIO AUDIENCE.

HELLO EVERYBODY! HERE'S A TIP ON HOW TO FIGHT THAT MYSTERIOUS DEATH-PLAGUE THAT FOOLS THE DOCTORS. KEEP GARLIC AROUND THE HOUSE... AT THE DOORS AND WINDOWS... BESIDE YOUR BED. IF YOU GO OUT AT NIGHT, CARRY GARLIC IN YOUR POCKET... IT SOUNDS FUNNY, BUT IT WORKS. I'M NOT KIDDING!

ANOTHER NIGHT FALLS, WITH GRIM PROMISE OF FEAR... AND BILLY BATSON HEADS FOR THE SPOT WHERE THE VAMPIRE HAD HIS BEGINNING.



AT MIDNIGHT, THIRLA GATHERS AROUND HIM A HOST OF VAMPIRES, THE UNHAPPY VICTIMS OF HIS OWN DIABOLICAL VIOLENCE.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE ARE IN A DESPERATE SITUATION. AN ENEMY WARNED THE PEOPLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH GARLIC... AND IF WE CANNOT FIND LIFE TO FEED OURSELVES, WE WILL STARVE.









THE VOICE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL SPEAKS FROM THE GREAT WOLF'S STOMACH.



AT THAT MOMENT, THE SUN BEGINS TO RISE.

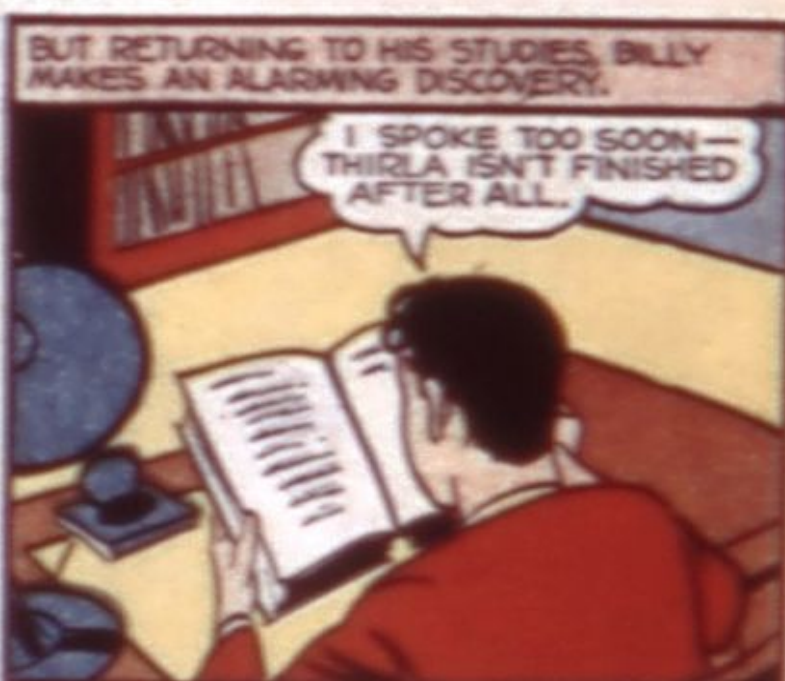


AS THE LIGHT GROWS, THIRLA COLLAPSES AS IF STRICKEN.



INTO THE GRAVE FROM WHICH DOCTOR DEEVER REVIVED HIM, THE VAMPIRE THIRLA IS THROWN...





AT ALMOST THE SAME MOMENT, THE SUN GOES DOWN, THE MOON COMES UP — AND SO DOES THE EVIL THIRLA.

NOW TO MEET AND SMASH THE ONE WHO HAS CAUSED ME SUCH GRIEF — THE BOY WHO TURNS HIMSELF INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL.

THE DEMONS WHISPER THAT HE IS ABROAD TONIGHT. THEY WILL GUIDE ME TO HIM.



HA! THERE IS MY VICTIM.



THIRLA HAS COME FOR YOU.

GEE! SHAZAM!



AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ROAR.



TRIED TO SNEAK UP ON ME, DID YOU? WELL, LAST NIGHT I SMASHED YOUR VAMPIRE FOLLOWING AND TONIGHT—

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF, CAPTAIN MARVEL. MY PEOPLE ARE NOT DEAD.



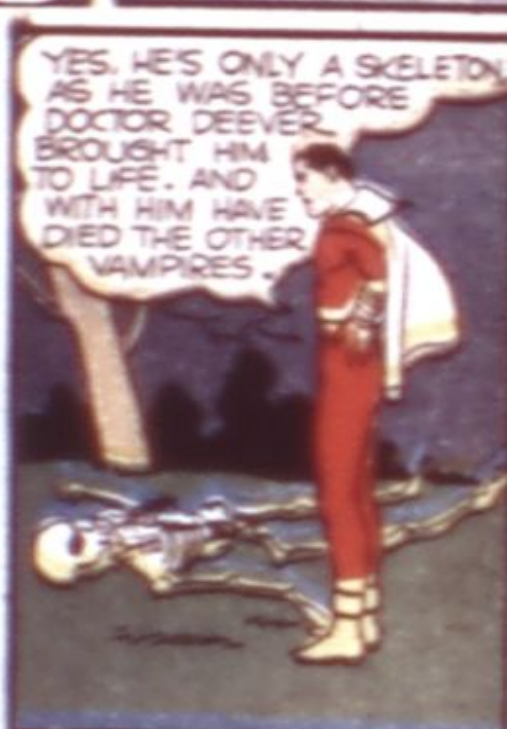
THEY CANNOT DIE UNLESS I AM KILLED FIRST. THEY WAIT NOW TO RALLY WHEN YOU ARE DESTROYED. ONLY SUNRISE SAVED YOU BEFORE, AND NOW—



— YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME. YOUR STRENGTH WON'T HURT A VAMPIRE.

MAYBE NOT, BUT—

AGAIN CAPTAIN MARVEL FACES THE KING VAMPIRE.





**Capt.
MARVEL**

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